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TITLE: Process and Apparatus for Cutting or Welding a Workpiece

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d), the cited references are not enclosed. This application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/314,645, filed December 9, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/665,650, filed on September 20, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,525,291, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/155,078, filed September 21, 1999. Each of these references were previously cited in the above-identified applications, which are relied upon for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
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- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**
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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

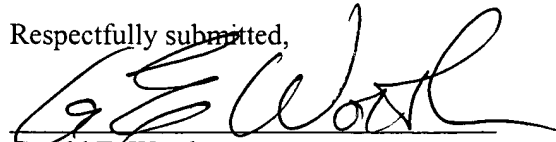
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